Winter commencement to feature keynote by Dr. Zelideth Rivas

Marshall's 2018 Winter Commencement, which takes place Saturday, Dec. 15, will honor more than 1200 students who graduated in July or August 2018, or are tentatively scheduled to graduate in December. Dr. Zelideth Rivas, an associate professor of modern languages at Marshall University and recipient of the Reynolds Outstanding Teaching Award last spring, will be the featured speaker.

The ceremony begins at 10 a.m. at the Big Sandy Superstore Arena. With new security measures in place at the arena, family and friends may want to arrive early. The doors open at 8 a.m.

Among the 1,278 students who received or are about to receive degrees are 740 undergraduates and 538 with graduate degrees. About 600 students have indicated they plan to participate in the ceremony. They will be recognized individually, walking to the area in front of the stage where their names will be announced, and they will receive congratulations from President Jerome Gilbert and a scroll from the Marshall Alumni Association.

Registrar Dr. Sonja Cantrell said 228 students will graduate with honors. Thirty-one will graduate summa cum laude (3.85 to 4.0 GPA), 65 magna cum laude (3.6 to 3.84 GPA), and 115 cum laude (3.3 to 3.59 GPA). Two students receiving associate degrees will graduate with high honors, and 15 associate degree recipients will graduate with honors.

Based on tentative grade point averages, four students will complete their baccalaureate degrees with perfect 4.0 GPAs. They are as follows:
Rivas joined Marshall University in 2012. She received her undergraduate degree from Wellesley College in Massachusetts and completed her doctoral work at the University of California-Berkley.

A native of Puerto Rico, who grew up in New Jersey, Rivas has received several fellowships and awards for teaching.

“I teach because, for me, there is no greater accomplishment as a scholar than inspiring your students to learn,” Rivas said. “I encourage my students to critically engage their syllabi and make their education their own.”

Marshall began conducting a winter graduation ceremony in 2008 with a convocation at the Keith-Albee Performing Arts Center.

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*Photo: Dr. Zelideth Rivas, associate professor of modern languages, will speak at the Winter Commencement Dec. 15.*

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**Marshall, WVU College of Law launch the Center for Consumer Law and Education**

Marshall University and the West Virginia University College of Law have established a one-of-its-kind Center for Consumer Law and Education to build advocacy for those in West Virginia and beyond.
The universities officially launched the CCLE at special events on their campuses Nov. 28 and 29.

CCLE’s mission is to serve as a principal consumer, law, policy, education and support resource in West Virginia and nationally. It is the only center of its kind on the East Coast and the only one that is a collaboration between two universities.

Marshall President Jerome A. Gilbert said, “We are pleased we will have the opportunity to work in synergy with West Virginia University to develop and deliver consumer-related information and programming for West Virginians. Our universities will support each other in this new joint project to develop original scholarship and research to address emerging issues in consumer law and policy.”

“I am proud that our university has partnered with Marshall University and many others in the state to help West Virginia move forward and to help our consumers be protected,” said Gordon Gee, president of West Virginia University. “We have an opportunity to improve the lives of West Virginians. This is about education, but it is also about advocacy. It is about making certain we continue to make progress in this state.”

“Our duty is to serve, and to serve everyone,” said Gregory Bowman, dean of the WVU College of Law. “It is my hope both for this center and for our collaboration with Marshall University to make an enormous impact, regionally and nationally.”

CCLE is directed by Damien Arthur at Marshall University and Jonathan Marshall at WVU. Through outreach efforts, including a website, CCLE will provide the public with access to consumer and financial literacy information, and it will serve policymakers through new research on emerging consumer issues.

The center will also offer experiential learning opportunities and scholarships for law students and provide continuing legal education programs for lawyers.

The donations to Marshall and WVU that established CCLE were spearheaded by consumer attorney David J. Romano of Clarksburg, West Virginia. Romano attended Marshall in the early 1970s and graduated from the WVU College of Law in 1977. While at Marshall, Romano was a student of now-retired political science professor Simon
Perry, who, according to Romano, had a significant impact on his decision to become an attorney.

Romano said, “The goal of the joint project is to ensure all hard-working West Virginians will have resources available to protect their property and to be informed of their rights as consumers.”

Photos: (Above) Those attending the celebration of the Center for Consumer Law and Education included Mike Hamrick, director of athletics; Clarksburg attorney David Romano; President Gilbert, Charlotte Weber, director and CEO of the Robert C. Byrd Institute for Advanced Flexible Manufacturing; and Ron Area, CEO of the Marshall University Foundation Inc. (Below) Representatives of the Center for Consumer Law and Education celebrated during the Nov. 29 launch on the Huntington campus. From left to right are Jonathan Marshall, WVU’s director of the CCLE; Damien Arthur, Marshall’s director of the CCLE; David Romano, Clarksburg consumer attorney; and Jaime Taylor, provost of Marshall University.

Marshall Health hires director of Project Hope for Women and Children

Jessica Tackett, M.A., joins Marshall Health as director of Project Hope for Women and Children, a new residential treatment facility for new and expecting mothers with substance use disorder and their children.

Tackett is a native West Virginian who earned both her bachelor’s degree in criminal justice and master’s degree in clinical psychology from Marshall University. For nearly a decade, Tackett worked for the U.S. Department of Defense as an alcohol/drug control and suicide prevention officer and a regional director. During this time, she developed training for soldiers and their families in the West Virginia Army National Guard.

As director, Tackett will oversee Project Hope, which is designed to provide a safe living environment and comprehensive resources for long-term recovery.
“Each resident will be assessed and assigned a personalized treatment plan,” Tackett said. “We will offer on-site group and individual therapy as well as life-skills coaching on topics such as budgeting and identifying future housing. Support staff will be available 24/7.”

Project Hope is located at 1012 7th Ave., next to the Huntington City Mission. The project is funded by grants from the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources and the U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration.

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**Public comment period on building names underway until Dec. 14**

The Marshall University Presidential Committee to Examine Building Names is accepting online comments from university students, faculty and staff through Friday, Dec. 14.

To submit comments, please log in to your myMU account and click on the “Building Names Survey” link on the right side of the page. The link will take you to the online form.

President Gilbert formed the committee in April in response to a student’s inquiry about the 1937 naming of Jenkins Hall for a Confederate Civil War general.

The president appointed 12 members to the committee, representing students, faculty, staff and the Board of Governors. He charged the group with examining the names of all buildings on the Huntington campus to determine if contextualization or additional action is needed.

Last week, the committee held a public meeting to discuss its charge and process, and to receive comments from student organizations and others.

The committee, which is chaired by Board of Governors Secretary Christie Kinsey, will be preparing a report and recommendations for Gilbert to share with the full board at its regular meeting on Feb. 28, 2019.

For more information, visit www.marshall.edu/president/building-names or e-mail buildingnames@marshall.edu.
Independent Exam Proctoring Available for Online and Hybrid Courses

Libraries and Online Learning launched Independent Exam Proctoring, a service to protect the integrity of online testing, in the fall semester of 2017. An independently proctored exam is supervised by an approved proctor just as it would be for a course taken on campus.

Proctoring is the most effective way to ensure the integrity of online exams such as midterms and finals. This service is especially valuable to those disciplines requiring paper testing when showing work is necessary. The math department has been quick to take advantage of this program for the testing of students located in California and Nevada who are in advanced courses.

There is no cost to students for exam proctoring, but it is up to each student to find a qualified proctor prior to the exam date. Students within driving distance of Marshall University are invited to take advantage of proctored exams through the MUOnline office.

For more information about exam proctoring visit www.marshall.edu/muonline or contact Dena Callicoat Laton by e-mail at dena.laton@marshall.edu or by phone at 304-696-3141.

Inaugural cohort of leadership fellows named

The spring 2019 class of John Marshall Leadership Fellows has been selected.

The inaugural class of fellows will include 20 faculty and staff members, listed below in alphabetical order:

- James Baldwin, Accounts Payable
- Lacie Bittinger, College of Business
- Shawn Chinn, Housing and Residence Life
- Habiba Chirchir, College of Science
- Adam Dalton, College of Arts and Media
- Holly Dunmore, School of Medicine
- Rayshawn Eastman, Student Affairs
- Zach Garrett, College of Health Professions
- Kristen Lillvis, College of Liberal Arts
The new fellows program is intended to develop faculty and staff leaders across the university. The program is conducted annually during the spring term under the sponsorship of and administered by the Center for Teaching and Learning. Applications are accepted each fall for spring cohorts.

Each cohort is composed of a select group of faculty and staff interested in developing their leadership potential, learning more about university functions and policies, and collaborating as a team to address a current university issue.

For more information about the program, visit www.marshall.edu/leadership-fellows.

Inclement Weather Reminders

As winter approaches, the Marshall community is reminded about how the university responds when inclement weather occurs.

Should there be weather conditions that make travel potentially dangerous, students and employees are reminded to use their own judgment before venturing out.

**Faculty members** should make every effort to notify students in advance if they need to cancel class.
**Students** should inform and work with their instructors regarding expected absences due to weather, including any updates to their course schedules and assignments.

If weather conditions prevent **employees** from getting to work or getting to work on time, they should notify their supervisor as soon as possible to make arrangements to charge accrued annual leave for the portion of the workday missed.

*A declaration of a weather emergency by the governor does not automatically close Marshall University campuses or offices.* In addition, cancellation or delays announced by local K-12 county school systems do not affect Marshall University.

Generally it is the university’s policy to maintain its normal schedule, even when **conditions are inclement**. Any decision to cancel or delay classes— or to close the university or a divisional campus or office— will be made after university administrators have consulted about the condition of campus grounds and facilities, and reviewed area road conditions. **Decisions regarding morning cancellations or delays will generally be made and announced by 6 a.m.**

**How will I know if there are delays or cancellations?**

When it is necessary to alter the university’s operating schedule in response to weather conditions, every effort is made to notify everyone affected—students, faculty, staff and the general public—expeditiously and comprehensively in the following ways:

- **MU Alert emergency messaging system** automated text messages, e-mails and/or phone calls
- **Marshall’s homepage** (Note: The authoritatively correct statement of the institution’s operating status is stipulated by university policy to be the message across the top of the homepage.)
- **Local television and radio stations**
- **Social media** – @marshallu on Facebook and Twitter

The following terminology often is used in notifications:

- **University Closed**: All classes suspended and offices closed
- **Classes Cancelled**: All classes suspended and offices open
- **Delay Code A**: Classes are delayed, but no delay in the opening of offices
- **Delay Code B**: Classes and office openings are delayed

**Class operation under delays:**

Under both categories of delay, students should go to the class that would begin at the stated delay time or the class that would have convened within 30 minutes of the stated delay time. A two-hour delay means that classes that begin at 10 a.m. begin on time. Classes that begin at 9:30 a.m. meet at 10 a.m. and continue for the remaining period of that class.
Certain critical and emergency employees may be required to report to work on time or earlier than normally scheduled despite the particular delay code published.

During severe weather events, Housing and Residence Life makes available residence hall rooms for commuter students and employees who wish to stay overnight. When accommodations are available, specific information is announced via Marshall’s official social media accounts and university e-mail.

In the event of delays and cancellations, many units will remain operational, including dining and residence hall services, grounds and housekeeping crews, medical clinics and others. Members of the university community should check the university’s homepage at www.marshall.edu for updates regarding changes to scheduled events and services.

Marshall University’s complete policy regarding inclement weather is available at www.marshall.edu/ucomm/weatheremergency-closings.

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Annual Family Holiday Party

Marshall University Board Members, Faculty and Staff,

The holidays are here and we would like to invite you to Marshall University’s Annual Family Holiday Party. We hope you will join us in celebrating this special season!

WHEN: Tuesday, December 18, 2018
TIME: 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
WHERE: Don Morris Room, Memorial Student Center

Santa will arrive at the Student Center, Don Morris Room at 5:45 p.m.

In addition, we invite you to enjoy:
Children's photos with Santa
Fun crafts and cookie decorating
Lego presentation
Food

We look forward to seeing you and your family at this holiday event!

PRESIDENT JERRY AND LEIGH GILBERT

For more information contact Cora Pyles at 304-696-3977
www.marshall.edu

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Marco’s Favorite Things
Marco is celebrating the holiday season by sharing a few of his favorite things!
Follow us on social media December 1-24 to find out how you can win!
#MarcosFavoriteThings

Follow @MarshallU

HUNTINGTON AREA ART SOCIETY
PRESENTS
“TRASH TO TREASURE & CARELESS TO MINDFUL”

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 5, 2018 | 6:30 P.M.
CELLAR DOOR, 905 THIRD AVENUE

Miyuki Akai Cook, Associate Professor of Fibers, will present her work and discuss contemporary issues such as human engagement with the natural world and the tensions between a technologically-driven society and the environment.

All are welcome, but seating is limited. Participants are invited to arrive early to enjoy conversation and optional refreshments.

Free with a current Marshall ID. The School of Art & Design requests a $10 donation from all others, which may be made at the event. Proceeds support Art & Design programming.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT ART@MARSHALL.EDU OR CALL 304-696-6760.

MIYUKI AKAI COOK, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF FIBERS

Sponsored by the College of Arts and Media, School of Art & Design
www.marshall.edu
The Marshall Rec Center is inviting the community to participate in its Rec the Halls with Holiday Hopes Angel Tree event this holiday season. The Rec is partnering with the First Year Residence Halls on the Marshall University Huntington campus to hold this event. Donated gifts from this event will benefit children with needs in the Huntington community.

The concept of Rec the Halls with Holiday Hopes is similar to an “Angel Tree.” The Rec receives wish lists for individual children from local agencies, such as Golden Girls, Ronald McDonald House, A.D. Lewis Community Center, NECCO, Foster Adventure and Pressley Ridge. Their wishes are hung on a tree in either the Marshall Recreation Center lobby or in the First Year Residence Hall South for the faculty, staff, community members and students to fulfill. The unwrapped gifts and the tags need to be returned to the Rec by Wednesday, Dec. 12. Then, on Friday, Dec. 14, from 10 a.m. to noon, the Rec will host a wrapping party to wrap all of the gifts for the agencies.

“This is a fun and easy way to give back this holiday season,” said Kayla Dodd, coordinator of marketing and special events at the Marshall Rec Center. “Helping others is such a wonderful experience, especially this time of the year. It’s simple – just stop by the Rec, pick up a holiday wish/tag for a child, have fun shopping for the gifts and return them back the Rec (unwrapped and with the original tag). Stop by on Dec. 14 and join in on the fun of the wrapping party!”

“It takes a lot of people and effort to wrap over 400 gifts!” Dodd added. “We will reward our wrapping volunteers with snacks and drinks, while listening to Christmas music and enjoying one another’s company. The success of this event is credited largely to our volunteers and sponsors. By participating as a sponsor of a child, you will be able to help in giving them a nice Christmas by providing them with gifts from their wish list! Gifts should be delivered to the Rec Center no later than Wednesday, Dec. 12.

“We appreciate your time in considering this opportunity to support the Marshall Rec Center and First Year Residence Halls. If you have any further questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact us. If you are interested in sponsoring a child or would
like to help us with materials for wrapping, stop by the Rec Center or FYRH or contact us. We look forward to working with you!”

For more information contact Dodd by phone at 304- 696-3633 or by e-mail at dodd18@marshall.edu.
MU LAMP

Marshall University
LGBTQ+ Alumni Mentor Program

Apply today to participate in MU LAMP, a program which enables Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgendered, or Queer/Questioning students to evolve in their identities and grow personally and professionally while attending Marshall University.

Apply at www.marshall.edu/diversity/mulamp

Sponsored by the LGBTQ+ Office and the President’s Commission on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
Contact Dr. Timothy Melvin at melvin7@marshall.edu to learn more

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MARSHALL UNIVERSITY
WOMEN OF COLOR DAY

3 NOMINATING CATEGORIES
STUDENT • FACULTY/STAFF/ADMINISTRATION • COMMUNITY

To nominate someone and view all qualifications, visit: www.marshall.edu/caas/women-of-color-award-nomination

DEADLINE - FEBRUARY 15, 2019

Marshall University's Women of Color Day celebration recognizes individuals who have commendably endeavored to increase respect for women of color and those who contributed greatly toward promoting multicultural understanding and campus equity at Marshall University or in the Huntington community.

For more information, contact Shaunte Polk at polk4@marshall.edu or Lisa Allen at allenl@marshall.edu

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School of Medicine recognizes faculty

The following School of Medicine faculty were recognized Nov. 29 during the school's annual Faculty Awards:

**Excellence in Commitment Award**—Dr. Matthew Curry, Dr. Charles Francis, Dr. Jennifer Gerlach, Dr. Jack Stines and Dr. Marie Veitia;

**Excellence in Service Award**—Dr. Alan Koester (Chair, SOM Faculty Council) and Dr. Lynne Goebel (Chair, Personnel Advisory Committee);

**Faculty Impact Award**—Dr. Chuck Clements;

**Excellence in Leadership**—Dr. Adam Franks;

**Excellence in Mentoring**—Dr. Larry Dial;

**Rural Preceptor Award**—Dr. Kathryn Bell;

**Outstanding Reviewer (Marshall Journal of Medicine)**—Dr. Henry Driscoll, Dr. Shirley Neitch and Dr. Yousef Shweiha

Dean Joseph Shapiro also presented the Dean’s Awards for Excellence to Dr. Jay Lakhani (Clinical Care), Dr. Brandon Henderson (Basic Science Research), Dr. Jennie Yoost (Clinical Research) and Dr. Felix Cheung (Education)
Photos

Top: From left, Dr. Jack Stines, Dr. Charles Francis, Dr. Matthew Curry, Dr. Jennifer Gerlach and Dr. Jim Denvir.

Middle: Dr. Brandon Henderson (right) receives his award from Dr. Joseph Shapiro, dean of the School of Medicine.

Bottom: On the front row are Dr Felix Cheung, Dr. Chuck Clements, Dr. Matthew Curry, Dr. Kathryn Bell and Dr. Jennie Yoost, Dr. Brandon Henderson. On the back row are Dr. Alan Koester, Dr. Adam Franks, Dr. Larry Dial, Dr. Charles Francis and Dr. Jennifer Gerlach.

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A.E. Stringer Visiting Writers Series at Marshall University

MARSHALL FACULTY READING

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6 • 7:30 PM
MEMORIAL STUDENT CENTER | SHAWKEY ROOM

Featuring creative writing by
Laura Michele Diener
Nicole Lawrence
Daniel O’Malley
Joel Peckham
Rachael Peckham
Forrest Roth
Victor Pet

Event is free and open to public | Light refreshments will be served

Books by faculty will be available for purchase.

Sponsored by the Department of English.
For more information, contact Cody Lumpkin at lumpkinb@marshall.edu

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Important Notice for Time Clock Plus Managers

Posted on November 21, 2018

Due to Marshall’s holiday schedule, Time Clock Plus (TCP) will close at 5 p.m. Thursday December 20, 2018, to allow adequate time to generate the paychecks for the January 4, 2019, pay date. To ensure paychecks are generated for all employees, Managers will need to complete the following in TCP by 12 p.m. Thursday, December 20, 2018:

- Enter and approve clock out times for Thursday, December 20th.
- Input and approve hours for employees expected to work on Friday, December 21st.

Any difference between the actual hours worked and hours projected will need to be manually adjusted on the next pay period.

If you have any questions please email them to payroll@marshall.edu. Any adjustments to the hours submitted must be emailed to the payroll office by 5 p.m. December 24, 2018, to payroll@marshall.edu. Thank you for your attention to this matter, and Happy Holidays.

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Writing Across the Curriculum

Spring Sessions

WAC Portfolio Work Session
February 22, 2019 | 1-5pm | Drinko Library 349

WAC Workshop
(FOR NEW WAC FACULTY)
April 12, 2019 | 1-5pm | Drinko Library 439

WAC Charles Lloyd Spring Symposium
(FOR NEW OR RE-CERTIFYING WAC FACULTY)
April 26, 2019 | 1-5pm | Drinko Library 402

Contact Kateryna Schray at rudnytski@marshall.edu or Maggie Smith at smith1966@marshall.edu to learn more.

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The next regular issue of We Are... Marshall will be distributed Dec. 12, 2018. Please send items for consideration to WAMnewsletter@marshall.edu by 5 p.m. Monday, Dec. 10, 2018.

To read the content of this newsletter online, please click on the following link: www.marshall.edu/wamnewsletter/December-5-2018.